

May 21, 2009

Ms. Rosa G. Lewis
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Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Searchlight Leadership Fund
FEC ID No. C00327395

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This is in response to your letter dated May 1, 2009, concerning the October Monthly Report (9/1/08-9/30/08), 12 Day Pre-General Report (10/1/08-10/15/08), 30 Day Post General Report (10/16/08-11/24/08), and Year End Report (11/25/08-12/31/08) from the above referenced Committee.

You ask about all expenditures made for 'Catering', 'Event Coordination Services', 'Equipment Rental Fee', paid to 'Event Rents Inc.' and 'Catering & Travel' on Schedule B. These expenditures were for the Committee's own activities and were not made on behalf of any specifically identified federal candidate.

You also ask about expenditures made for 'Communications Consulting Services'. This expenditure was made to conduct the Committee's own general activities and programs and did not contain express advocacy.

We hope that this information adequately addresses your questions. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Very truly yours,

Marc E. Elias
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